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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 09051

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, CSCE, SHUM, UR

SUBJECT: IRINA MCCLELLAN

REF: MOSCOW 8337

1. ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 26, IRINA MCCLELLAN MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH CONSOFF TO EXECUTE POWERS OF ATTORNEY SENT BY HER HUSBAND. LATER IN THE MORNING, MRS. MCCLELLAN PHONED EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT SHE HAD BEEN ARRESTED 100 METERS FROM EMBASSY. (AS BEFORE, CONSOFF HAD BEEN STATIONED OUTSIDE EMBASSY, BUT DID NOT SEE ARREST).

2. MRS. MCCLELLAN STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO A MILITIA STATION AND EXPLICITELY WARNED NOT TO APPROACH THE EMBASSY FOR ONE MONTH. SHE WAS THEN DRIVEN IN A POLICE CAR TO THE MOSCOW OVIR AND TOLD TO MAKE A NEW APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMISSION. (SHE WAS LAST DENIED PERMISSION IN MARCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND SHE WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE NEW APPLICATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER.) THE APPLICATION WAS IMMEDIATELY AND "POLITELY" RECEIVED.

3. MRS. MCCLELLAN IS QUITE CONFUSED BY SOVIET TACTICS TOWARD HER. SOVIET POLICE OFFICIALS (PRESUMABLY KGB) TOLD HER TO AVOID THE EMBASSY

AND EMBOFFS FOR ONE MONTH AND "THEN SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN." THE LAST STATEMENT, SHE STATED, WAS NOT IN THE FORM OF A THREAT.

4. MRS. MCCLELLAN WILL CALL HER HUSBAND TO INFORM HIM OF THE SITUATION. SINCE THE PAPERS ARE IMPORTANT FINANCIALLY, SHE IS NOT SURE WHETHER HE WILL INSIST THAT SHE ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE PAPERS NOTARIZED, OR REQUEST THAT SHE OBEY THE POLICE COMMANDS.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HESITATE TO SPECULATE, SINCE THIS LONG-STANDING CASE HAS NOT FOLLOWED THE PATTERN OF OUR OTHER MARRIAGE CASES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES MAY PERMIT HER TO LEAVE AFTER THE RECENT PUBLICITY HAS DIED DOWN. END COMMENT

6. PRESS GUIDANCE: ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, WE PLAN TO CONFIRM THAT MRS. MCCLELLAN DID HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CONSULAR OFFICER ON LEGITIMATE CONSULAR BUSINESS, AND THAT SHE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT SHE WAS DETAINED BY OFFICERS OF MVD SOME DISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY. TOON

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